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For: METHOD OF DETERMINING MOVEMENT SEQUENCE, ALIGNMENT APPARATUS,
METHOD AND APPARATUS OF DESIGNING OPTICAL SYSTEM, AND MEDIUM IN
WHICH PROGRAM REALIZING THE DESIGNING METHOD

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Further to the Notice of Allowance mailed August 18, 2003 and the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed November 18, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. The following amendments and remarks are instead of the amendments and remarks submitted in the Amendment under Rule 312 filed November 17, 2003, which the applicants request is denied entry in view the following amendments and remarks.

In accordance with the procedures outlined in *Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted* signed January 31, 2003, the remarks and amendments to the claims and specification are enclosed on separate sheets.